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APPRENTICE MINERS' WAGES LISTED  
COAL MINES TOP PLAN

**MINERS' WAGES INCREASE YEARLY --** Lidova Demokracie, No 92, 20 Apr 49

The following are the [monthly] wages (in crowns) of mining apprentices during their first 3 years of service.

Age of Entry Into Service	1st Yr	2d Yr	3d Yr
14	1,500	1,625	1,780
15	1,570	1,700	1,870
16	1,650	1,780	1,960

In addition, each apprentice receives a miner's food rations and a mining uniform.

Every miner supporting a family receives an allowance of 54 quintals of coal.

The education and cultural development, as well as recreation, of young mining apprentices is carefully looked after. Parents will no longer need to worry about the security of their sons' employment, if the sons choose mining as a career.

**COAL MINES HAVE HIGH PRODUCTIVITY --** Svobodno Slovo, No 94, 22 Apr 49

The North Czech Coal Mines have fulfilled the plan for the first week of April by 100.4 percent. On 11 April in the Zdenek Mejstly Mine in Soud the highest productivity of any deep mine, 4.27 tons per worker per shift, was attained.

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LARGE LABOR TURNOVER IN HANDLOVA MINES -- Lidove Noviny, No 89, 15 Apr 49

The brown coal mines in Handlova continually achieve about only 75 per cent of their plan, the principal cause being the great labor turnover. During March, 474 new employees were hired, but during the same month 436 left. Absenteeism is also very high. During March an average of 68 people were absent each day.

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